"The Hindustan Times" dated 8th November, 1994, caption "Vedic teachings in health care stressed", at the first interdisciplinary academic conference held on October 28 and 29, 1994 in Columbia Universily ■discussing specifically on contribution from India's three and half millannia of scientific tradition and achievements;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating number of participants from India and elsewhere;

(c) whether the above conference had achieved any major steps towards changing prevailing perspectives about health care and medicines as suggested in Vedas; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto and contribution that is likely to be made in near future both in India and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(K) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Spread of falciparum Malaria

2275. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of malaria registered in the country in the last three years with State-wise break-up;

(b) what is the number of cases which belong to Plasmodium falciparum in the last three years with State-wise break-up;

fc) what is the response of the Ministry to the widespread Press Report about tile massive incidents of malaria and specif! cully the dreaded Falciparum variety in Western Rajasthan:

fdl whether it b a fact that the Standing Committee on Human Resource Deve•opment had severely reprimanded the Health Ministry for the weaknesses in the National Malaria Eradication Programme consecutively for two years; and

(el what action has been taken by Gov ernment in rectifying the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): fa) aid *(V)* A Stafemenl is given ns Anneture fW Appendix 1[7]2, A'iiieu'iv No. 521.

fcl Ouring September/October. 1994 there was an increase in Malaria and P. falciparum cases in Western Rajasthan which has been brought under control,

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The Committee made certain observations relating to increasing allocations for malaria control aeed to intensify control measures in tribal areas and deal with Kala-azar in Bihar. Measure* have been initiated to achieve these goal*.

Emergency night services in CGHS Dispensaries

2276. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether emergency night services in some of the CGHS dispensaries have been stopped; and

(b) if so. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The emergency night services have been discontinued only in CGHS dispensary at Faridabad due to repeated requests from the Area Welfare Officer of that dispensary.

Strike by Doctors of Suchcta Kriplaui and Kalawati Saran Hospitals of New Delhi

2277. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will th» Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY \RE be pleased to stae :

fa) whether it is a fact that the doctors including the resident doctors at Sucheta Kriplani Hospital and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital in the capital went suddenly on a protest strike on the 10th November, 1994, alleging that a number of doctors among them have had contracted viral hepaf'tis;

(b) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the said allegations of the doctors, and if so. the findnigs thereof;

i I specific steps, if any. taken to prevent recurrence of break out of infectious diseases in the Government hospitals in particular, in future;

fd) whether it is a fact that ow'ng to doctors strike in Sucheta Kriplani and Saran Hospitals of New Delhi, pat'ents in large number in both the hospitals were forced to leave the hospitals;

(e) if so. the number of pat'enfs, who were forced to leave, their respective age ailments of each of them for treatment of which they had been admitted in the :a!s; and

(f) arrangements if any, made for con-. of medical care for them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND TTV WET FARE fSHRI B. SHANKARANAND1: (al and fbt The Hospital

authorities conducted an inquiry and found that the resident doctors and some mess workers, utilising one kitchen only were affected by viral hepatitis. According to epidemiological investigations, the source of the epidemic was introduced into the mess nearly 3 to 4 weeks prior to the cases reported. The water in Sintex tanks was misused by mess workers which led to the contamination of water.

fc) 1. New S ntsx tanks have been provided in the Residents hostel. Aqunguard water filters have been fifed in all the drinking water sources in the various hos'ets.

2. Periodic water testing.

3. Chlorination of water.

4. Cleaning of the underground, overhead tanks and storage tanks.

5. Augmentation of water supply from NDMC has below done by prov ding new water connection.

6. Replacement of old pipelines and installation of two tubewellg have been ted to CPWD. Cd) Onlv those patients who were fit to go home were discharged.

(e) and (f) Does not arise. OpSra^ons for evs trajwjj'antat'on in ©r. R. ?. Centre, AT1MS, New Delhi

227R. SFRl RAJ NATH SINGH: W'll the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the name-wise and Regis tration-wise details of "Top Priority List" children below the age of 10 years who have been registered with the National Bank of Dr. R. P. Centre, ATTMS, New Delhi for replacement of original eye January, 1993 till date;

(b) what is the numb?'- of "Top Prio- r ;sf> children who had undergone for replacement of eve in the month of Octo-1993 and 'he rim her of children who are not ouite well after the replace- of original eve and whether Government propose to recall to tho=e children who had lost their eye-sight a'ter the said operation;

fc) f so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that all these operations cases were conducted by Tr. doctors and neither any Sr. doctor nor my Professor took nart in the cases of eye replacement particularly in the case* of poor families;

fe) if so, whether Government would ssue necessary directions to the concern-p,i a,,thqrit'es to tr e matter* of eve re-nlacem'"t on?rnt on of children that Sr. Doc'ors and Profe;eors wo»M also take Bart; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): fa) to (f) Information is he'ng collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modification in the scheme 'R' for Quality Specifications of Condoms

2279. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

fa) what are the sources from whom condoms are purchased/obta'ned by Gov ernment for the Family Planning Pro gramme;

(b) whether any periodical test of the condoms is made to check their conformity with the laid down specifications, if so, what are the details thereof;

fc) whether it is a fact that Government propose mod'ficat"ons of Schedule 'R' to the quality specifications of condoms re-commended by the World Health Oragni-sation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating when the revised and modified Schedule 'R' is likely to lie notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : fa) Condoms for the National Family Wel- Programme are procured by the Government from M/s. H ndustan Latex Ltd. Thiruvananthapuram, a Central Public Sector undertaking and also from a number of private sector indigenous manufacturers.

(b) Random samples drawn from batches offered by the manufacturers are tes'ed at approved laboratories to establish their oonform'ty to the snecificat5ons contained in the Schedule 'R' of the Drugs and Cos-me'-'cs Rules. 1945. These laboratories also check their conformity to crrtain WHO specificat'ons.

fc) and fd) A draft notification for re-vising 'he Schedule 'R' of the Drugs ard Osmetics Rules. 1945, by incorporatin'! the snec ficat'ons recommended by WHO already been published. Steps have initiated to publish the final notffica-t'on after considering the comment* received on the draft rules.

Allocation of funds to Andhra Pradesh for (he projiramme "Health for *sM* by 2000 AD"

2280. SHRI T. VENKATRAM RFDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to s'ate :

fa) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested an increased budget